

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-11 (Canceled)

12. (~~Currently Amended~~ Previously Presented) The on-demand power-operating door apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the closer spring constitutes a first closer spring, the force-applying mechanism further comprising a second closer spring for returning the linkage from its second position to its first position, the first closer spring being weaker than the second closer spring.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) The on-demand power-operating door apparatus according to claim 15 wherein the door comprises a balanced door, the hinge structure disposed adjacent a first vertical edge of the door and comprising upper and lower horizontal hinge arms, a first end of each hinge arm affixed to a vertical hinge shaft defining the stationary vertical axis of rotation, a second end of each hinge arm connected to the door by a pivot, the pivots together defining the movable axis of rotation and being spaced a distance from the first vertical edge of the door toward a second vertical edge of the door, wherein the linkage is disposed in a

region located between the movable ~~hinge-shaft~~ axis of rotation and the second vertical edge of the door.

15. (Previously Presented) An on-demand power-operating door apparatus comprising:

a supporting structure forming a passage;

a door mounted to the supporting structure by a hinge structure defining a stationary vertical axis of rotation at the supporting structure, and a movable vertical axis of rotation at the door, the door being swingable about the stationary and movable axes between a passage-closing position and a passage-opening position; and

a mechanism for opening and closing the door comprising:

a movable linkage arranged to push against the door,

a force-applying mechanism connected to the linkage for moving the linkage from a first position to a second position corresponding respectively to the passage-closing and passage-opening positions of the door, and from the second position back to the first position, the force-applying mechanism including a switch-actuated motor connected to the linkage for moving the linkage from the first position to the second position to push the door open,

the door being manually swingable from the passage-closing position to the passage-opening position independently of the linkage and being manually swingable to the passage-opening position regardless of the location of the linkage between the first and second positions thereof; and

a closer spring for returning the door from its passage-opening position to its passage-closing position;

wherein the linkage is returnable by the force-applying mechanism from the second position to the first position independently of the door.